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07/03/2002 08:32 AM

To: Sing Chia/R6/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc: Mike McAteer/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Ursula Lennox/R6/USEPA/US@EPA  
Subject: Re: Tar Creek message .....background music

Following is my summary. Thanks.

The EPA issued a Special Notice to the PRPs on December 19, 2000, requesting that they perform and finance the RI/FS for OU 4. The PRPs identified by the EPA are ASARCO Inc., Blue Tee Corp., Childress Royalty Comp. Inc., The Doe Run Resources Corp., Gold Fields Mining Corp., NL Industries, Inc., and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). The Special Notice included an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) and an RI/FS Scope of Work (SOW). The EPA met with the mining company PRPs and the DOI on January 31, 2001, to discuss the Special Notice and the planned RI/FS. The mining company PRPs requested that the EPA provide them with a more detailed RI/FS SOW prior to committing to perform and finance the RI/FS. The EPA issued the Amended Draft RI/FS SOW on May 24, 2001. The EPA has not received a "good-faith" offer as requested in the Special Notice.

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Assigned Superfund Sites:

Tar Creek (Ottawa County, Oklahoma) - <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/tarcreek.pdf>  
Brine Services Company (Corpus Christi, Texas) - <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/newprop.htm>  
Star Lake (Port Neches, Texas) - <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/starlake.pdf>

**Sing Chia**

07/03/2002 07:27 AM

To: Ursula Lennox/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Rafael Casanova/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Mike  
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Please put together a status summary for Myron in response to Jeff Denit's inquiry. Thanks.

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**June Buzzell**

07/03/2002 07:12 AM

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cc:  
Subject: Tar Creek message .....background music

This is it. You might want to mention this to MOK.... he may not have seen it.

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**Jeff Denit**

07/02/2002 09:52 AM

To: Myron Knudson/R6/USEPA/US@EPA  
cc:  
Fax to:  
Subject: background music

Myron, I may join Marianne in a forthcoming (7/12) mtg w/ Steve Griles, Dep Sec'y DOI, about Tar Creek. I hear stories about Gov being upset, trustee issues, delays in this and that. Can you shed any light on what's happening? Like, are yard clean-ups done? Paid for but not done? Are water quality issues still prominent, or are under-mined areas the bigger issue? Are chat/tailings activities still ongoing or curtailed? Are tribes in the loop? What are main tribal land envir issues, ??ETC. Thanks for any insights you can offer. Enjoy the holiday. [HQ e-mail server to our new space is acting weird, hope this gets through]